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REPORT CLASS ~~S E C R E T~~--WNINTEL-[redacted] (b)(3)
DIST: 26 JUNE 1990
COUNTRY: LIBERIA
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SUMMARY: AS OF 1200 HOURS ON 26 JUNE 1990, AFL AND NPFL FORCES WERE REPORTED TO BE PRESENT IN THE CAREYSBURG AREA. ACCORDING TO THE AFL, COLONEL JACK WAS SUCCESSFUL IN RETAKING THE CAREYSBURG AREA ON 25 JUNE. THE AFL CLAIMED THE REBELS TOOK A BEATING BUT PROVIDED NO INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF NPFL KILLED. 50 AK-47 RIFLES AND OTHER SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPONS TAKEN FROM REBEL BODIES WERE TRANSPORTED FROM THE CAREYSBURG AREA TO MONROVIA ON 25 JUNE. THE AFL ALSO REPORTED THAT IT CAPTURED THE CHIEF MEDICINE MAN OF NPFL SPOKESMAN WOEWIYU NEAR BENSONVILLE ON 25 JUNE. HOWEVER, VOA OFFICIALS REPORTED ON THE MORNING OF 26 JUNE THAT THEY DID NOT HEAR ANY SHOOTING NIGHT OF 25/26 JUNE. THE VOA OFFICIALS ALSO REPORTED THAT BETWEEN 100-200 REBELS WERE PRESENT AT THE MAIN GATE OF THE INSTALLATION NIGHT OF 25/26 JUNE. THE LARGE REBEL PRESENCE APPARENTLY PERSUADED MANY OF THE REFUGEES TO LEAVE THE VOA COMPOUND AND RETURN TO THEIR CAMP OUTSIDE THE MAIN GATE AT VOA. AS OF 1200 HOURS ON 26 JUNE, THE LIBERIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES PEACE MARCH WAS PROCEEDING CALMLY. THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF SHOOTING BY AFL SOLDIERS ANYWHERE IN MONROVIA NIGHT OF 25/26 JUNE.

TEXT: 1. ACCORDING TO LIBERIAN MILITARY REPORTING, THE ARMED FORCES OF LIBERIA (AFL) SOLDIERS GAINED CONTROL OF THE CAREYSBURG (06-24N, 10-33W) AREA AT 1500 HOURS ON 25 JUNE 1990. THE AFL ALSO CLAIMED IT DISPERSED NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FRONT OF LIBERIA (NPFL) FORCES FROM THE BENSONVILLE (06-26N, 10-36W) AREA AND FROM THE FENDELL CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LIBERIA, LOCATED ABOUT THREE MILES FROM THE CAREYSBURG CHECKPOINT. COMMANDER OF THE 2ND BATTALION LIEUTENANT COLONEL HENRY ((JACK)) USED COMBINED TROOPS FROM BARCLAY TRAINING CENTER (BTC) (06-15N, 10-22W) AND THE EXECUTIVE MANSION TO RETAKE THE CAREYSBURG AREA. THE AFL REPORTED BETWEEN 11 AND 15 SOLDIERS KILLED AND A MAJOR

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE MANSION MISSING. THE MAJOR WAS PRESUMED DEAD. THE AFL ALSO REPORTED THAT IT INFLICTED HEAVY DAMAGE ON THE REBELS BUT DID NOT REPORT HOW MANY NPFL WERE KILLED. ON 25 JUNE, THE AFL ALSO TRANSPORTED TO MONROVIA 50 AK-47 RIFLES AND SEVERAL SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPONS (M-1 AND M-16 CARBINES) TAKEN FROM THE BODIES OF REBELS KILLED IN THE CAREYSBURG AREA. (b)(1)

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2. THE AFL CLAIMED TO HAVE CAPTURED TWO REBELS IN THE VICINITY OF BENSONVILLE ON 25 JUNE. ONE REBEL WAS WOUNDED AND DIED. THE OTHER WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE CHIEF MEDICINE MAN (SIC) OF NPFL SPOKESMAN THOMAS ((WOEWIYU)). THE MEDICINE MAN WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN CARRYING A LIST OF NAMES AND NPFL DOCUMENTS. HE WAS SCHEDULED FOR INTERROGATION NIGHT OF 25 JUNE. (b)(3)

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3. THE AFL ALSO REPORTED THAT THE REBELS WERE USING NIGHT PATROLS IN THE BENSONVILLE - CAREYSBURG AREA. ACCORDING TO THE AFL, THE REBELS USED THIS TACTIC AGAINST THREE SOLDIERS ON THE NIGHT OF 24 JUNE. THE SOLDIERS WERE GUARDING THE CHECKPOINT AT CROZIERVILLE (06-27N, 10-38W), LOCATED NEAR BENSONVILLE, AND WERE ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF ABOUT 15 REBELS. THE REBELS CAPTURED THE AFL SOLDIERS AND CUT THEIR THROATS. ONE SOLDIER SURVIVED AND LATER REPORTED THE INCIDENT TO OFFICIALS AT BTC. (b)(3)

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4. IN CONTRAST TO AFL REPORTING, LOCAL VOICE OF AMERICA (VOA) EMPLOYEES REPORTED ON THE MORNING OF 26 JUNE THAT VOA WAS QUIET. THE VOA EMPLOYEES ADDED THAT NO SHOTS WERE HEARD FROM ANY DIRECTION NIGHT OF 25/26 JUNE. THEY REPORTED THAT BETWEEN 100-200 NPFL SOLDIERS WERE PRESENT AT THE FRONT GATE OF THE COMPOUND DURING THE NIGHT OF 25/26. THE LARGE REBEL PRESENCE APPARENTLY IMPROVED THE CONFIDENCE OF THE REFUGEES BECAUSE MANY WERE REPORTED TO BE MOVING OUT AND SETTING UP CAMP OUTSIDE THE FRONT GATE OF VOA. OTHER REFUGEES MAY BE PREPARING TO MOVE BACK TO THE CAREYSBURG AND BENSONVILLE AREAS, BUT WERE SHOWING SIGNS OF APPREHENSION BECAUSE OF RUMORS THAT AFL SOLDIERS WERE STILL IN THE VICINITY. IN ADDITION, THE HEAVY RAINS WERE REPORTED TO BE RETARDING THE MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES OUT OF VOA. (b)(1)

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5. AS OF THE MORNING OF 26 JUNE, THE SITUATION AT THE FIRESTONE PLANTATION (06-16N,10-22W) WAS QUIET AND THERE WAS STILL NO COMMUNICATION LINK WITH BONG MINE (06-49N, 10-20W). (b)(3)

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6. AT 1200 HOURS ON 26 JUNE, THE PEACE MARCH SPONSORED BY THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES WAS UNDERWAY. THE CROWD WAS REPORTED TO BE MOVING PEACEFULLY TOWARDS THE EXECUTIVE PAVILION. THE CROWD WAS ESTIMATED TO BE BETWEEN 1,000 TO 2,000 INDIVIDUALS. (b)(3)

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7. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF ANY SHOOTING INCIDENTS NIGHT OF 25/26 JUNE, TENSION IN MONROVIA REMAINED HIGH. SHOPS AND BUSINESSES CLOSED EARLY ON 25 JUNE AS A RESULT OF AN NPFL ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT WOULD NOT ATTEND THE FREETOWN PEACE TALKS AND WAS PREPARING TO TAKE MONROVIA. WHILE A HEAVY RAIN STORM MAY HAVE HELPED, PEOPLE STAYED INDOORS LAST EVENING AND THE STREETS WERE FAIRLY DESERTED. (b)(1)

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